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natural convection mode and at least one of the baffles is positioned between the front of the housing and the heating element.

14. (Amended) The heater of claim 1 wherein at least one of the air inlet and the air outlet are formed in or included in a grille capable of being formed in a punch press process.

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15. (Amended) A portable heater comprising:
a housing having an air outlet and exterior surface, wherein at least a portion of the air outlet is located on a top portion of the housing;
a heating element positioned inside the housing and constructed and arranged to heat air;
and

at least two substantially vertical baffles positioned inside the housing and defining an interior zone enclosing at least a portion of the heating element and defining a secondary zone defined by an area outside of the interior zone and inside the housing;

wherein the at least two baffles, the housing and the heating element are arranged to operate in a natural convection heating mode while maintaining the exterior surface of the housing below a threshold temperature.

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21. (Amended) The heater of claim 15 wherein the heating element has a heat output of at least 750 Watts.

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28. (Amended) The heater of claim 27 wherein at least a portion of the air inlet is located on a bottom portion of the housing and at least a portion of the air outlet is located on a top portion of the housing.

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35. (Amended) The heater of claim 27 wherein at least one of the air inlet and the air outlet are formed in or included in a grille capable of being formed in a punch press process.

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39. (Amended) A portable heater comprising:
a housing having an exterior surface, an air inlet, an air outlet and a total volume in cubic centimeters; and